

John 2:1-12  
"The Power of Jesus" Part 2

I want us this morning to seriously consider what we have determined is beyond God's/Jesus' ability. What have we refused to believe God for? Are there things we have categorized as too small or too big for God? Are we more ready to trust man's ingenuity or God's supernatural power? Are these miracles simply great stories or are they categorically true? I want us to be honest with ourselves as we examine for the next few weeks the miracles of Jesus. Where one falls on these questions make all the difference in the world. Remember, John has already made it clear in chapter 20:31 that what's written in this letter is written so that all who read would believe in him and believing receive life eternal. So today, we start with Jesus' first miracle, water turned into wine. In customary fashion, three things about Jesus' power drawn from our text.

**First, Jesus' power is not at our beck and call. V1-4** "On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come." Brothers and Sisters, we do not have any say so over the when, where and the how Jesus' power is exercised. Faith in him does not give us untethered access to his power. Not even Mary, his mother, had privileged position with Jesus. I stated last Sunday that he indeed can do all things but that does not mean he will do all things. Sometimes we will have

to deal with the fact that we are out of wine. Not every situation we face as God's people, as Christ's disciples, will warrant the exercising of God's supernatural power. Some storms will have to be weathered. Disappointment, sickness, heartache, frustration, broken relationships, failure, etc. have their place in the life of the believer. Certainly, Jesus does what he does not because his mother made a request, but because it was in the Father's will for him to do so. Jesus' power does not stand at our beck and call. He is no cosmic bellhop. Yes, call on him in all things and accept his divine will in all things, as well.

**Mark 3:31-35** <sup>31</sup>Then Jesus' mother and brothers came to see him. They stood outside and sent word for him to come out and talk with them. <sup>32</sup>There was a crowd sitting around Jesus, and someone said, "Your mother and your brothers are outside asking for you." <sup>33</sup>Jesus replied, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" <sup>34</sup>Then he looked at those around him and said, "Look, these are my mother and brothers. <sup>35</sup>Anyone who does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

**James 1:2-4** <sup>2</sup>Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. <sup>3</sup>For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. <sup>4</sup>So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing."

**Daniel 3:16-20** <sup>16</sup>Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you. <sup>17</sup>If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. <sup>18</sup>But even if he doesn't, we want to make it clear

to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up.”

**Second, when it comes to the power of Jesus make no assumptions. V5** “His mother said to the servants, “Whatever He says to you, do *it*.” Being out of wine is a very human and earthy thing. It is a small thing. Life and death do not hang in the balance. The guests may indeed be disappointed, and the bridegroom embarrassed, but life would go on. People would soon forget about it. **Mary could have assumed this situation was too small of a situation to be the situation that Jesus would first reveal his glory. Certainly, there would be a grander opportunity on the horizon. But no, this would do. A small thing will be just fine. See, God/Jesus cares about the small things too, the routine and mundane parts of our lives.** Nothing is too small or too big for God/Jesus. As the song writer declares, carry everything to God in prayer. When it comes to the power of Jesus make no assumptions. Do not hold anything back from God.

**Jer 32:17** ““O Sovereign LORD! You made the heavens and earth by your strong hand and powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for you!”

**Matt 19:24-26** “<sup>24</sup> I’ll say it again—it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!” <sup>25</sup> The disciples were astounded. “Then who in the world can be saved?” they asked. <sup>26</sup> Jesus looked at them intently and said, “Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible.”

**Eph 3:19-21** “<sup>19</sup> May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

<sup>20</sup> Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.<sup>21</sup> Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.”

**Finally, when Jesus exercises his power, the outcomes are of the highest quality possible. V6-11**

“<sup>6</sup> Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, “Fill the waterpots with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> And He said to them, “Draw *some* out now, and take *it* to the master of the feast.” And they took *it*. <sup>9</sup> When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. <sup>10</sup> And he said to him, “Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the *guests* have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!”<sup>11</sup> This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.” *It wasn't just any wine, it was the best wine. Why? God's/Jesus' glory was at stake. That is, his excellency. Jesus Christ is second to none. Therefore, what he does is second to none. When he restores, he restores completely. When he heals, he heals completely. When he forgives, he forgives completely. When he provides, he provides completely. When he teaches, his teaching is like no other. When he saves, he saves utterly. When he judges the sinful, he will do so eternally. When Jesus exercises his power, the outcomes are of the highest quality.* No guess

work needed when determining whether it is the work of God/Jesus the Christ. What is the quality of the outcome?

**2 Cor 5:17** <sup>“17</sup> This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!”

**Matt 8:1-3** “When Jesus came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him. <sup>2</sup> A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy.

**John 8:10-11** <sup>“10</sup> Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, “Where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn you?” <sup>11</sup> “No, Lord,” she said. And Jesus said, “Neither do I. Go and sin no more.”

**Matt 14:20** “They all ate as much as they wanted, and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftovers.”

**Matt 7:28-29** <sup>“28</sup> When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, <sup>29</sup> for he taught with real authority—quite unlike their teachers of religious law.”

**Rev. 20:15** <sup>“15</sup> And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire.”

The power of Jesus. Certainly, this miracle is enough to convince anyone he is who he says he is. If not, more to come. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.